

3-22-2018

## SERIES PREVIEW - Eagles Face Mountaineers in Bonus Home Series

Georgia Southern University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/athletics-news-online>



Part of the [Higher Education Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Georgia Southern University, "SERIES PREVIEW - Eagles Face Mountaineers in Bonus Home Series" (2018). *Athletics News*. 660.  
<https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/athletics-news-online/660>

This article is brought to you for free and open access by the Athletics at Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. It has been accepted for inclusion in Athletics News by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. For more information, please contact [digitalcommons@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:digitalcommons@georgiasouthern.edu).

# Georgia Southern University



## SERIES PREVIEW - Eagles Face Mountaineers in Bonus Home Series

Free admission to Friday night's game

Baseball

Posted: 3/22/2018 12:21:00 PM

**STATESBORO, GA.** - Severe thunderstorms and snow have wreaked havoc on Georgia Southern's baseball schedule with the cancellation of a midweek game and the relocation of this weekend's series with Appalachian State to Statesboro. The Eagles open the Appalachian State series on Friday night at 6:30 p.m. with free admission for Fan Appreciation Day.

Fans can listen along to the call of the game on the Georgia Southern Sports Network. Patrons in attendance at J.I. Clements Stadium can hear the broadcast without delay in the stadium on 95.9-FM.

Single game tickets are available at [GSEagles.com/Tickets](http://GSEagles.com/Tickets), giving fans the opportunity to beat the lines on gameday. Tickets can also be purchased at the J.I. Clements Stadium Box Office, located directly behind home plate at the stadium's main entrance.

## GAME NOTES

[Georgia Southern](#)

[Appalachian State](#)

## FRIDAY (3.23.18)

6:30 p.m. - Jack Stallings Field at J.I. Clements Stadium (Statesboro, Ga.)

### FAN APPRECIATION DAY

Free Admission

\$20 for Bullpen Club access for those over 21 years of age.

All seats are general admission

**RADIO** - [Ga. Southern Sports Network](#)

**VIDEO** - [True Blue TV](#)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS - RHP - [Brian Eichhorn](#) (1-0 - 3.38 ERA)

APP - LHP - Andrew Vaccacio (1-4 - 6.85 ERA)

## SATURDAY (3.24.18) - GAME 1

4:00 p.m. - Jack Stallings Field at J.I. Clements Stadium (Statesboro, Ga.)

### SPRING SPORTS SATURDAY

Free admission with your ticket stub from Saturday's softball game.

\$20 for Bullpen Club access for those over 21 years of age.

All seats are general admission

**RADIO** - [Ga. Southern Sports Network](#)

**VIDEO** - [True Blue TV](#)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS - RHP - [Seth Shuman](#) (2-2 - 4.24 ERA)  
APP - LHP - Colin Schmid (1-1 - 2.30 ERA)

#### SATURDAY (3.24.18) - GAME 2

45 after completion of game 1 - Jack Stallings Field at J.I. Clements Stadium (Statesboro, Ga.)

All seats are general admission

RADIO - [Ga. Southern Sports Network](#)

VIDEO - [True Blue TV](#)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS - RHP - [David Johnson](#) (1-1 - 5.70 ERA)

APP - RHP - Travis Holden (2-2 - 5.89 ERA)

#### QUICK HITS

- Georgia Southern will play host to Appalachian State this weekend after the planned trip to Boone was scuttled due to snow. The Eagles will play the Mountaineers at home in 2018 and visit Boone in 2019.

- Georgia Southern plated four runs in the sixth inning to take a 5-4 win over Louisiana on Sunday to take the weekend series over the Ragin' Cajuns. [Cole Whitney](#) went a career-long five and a third innings to earn his first win in an Eagle uniform while [Blake Simmons](#) went 3-for-4 at the plate, picking up his first career hits in style.

- Georgia Southern leads the all-time series with Appalachian State by a 64-21 margin. The Eagles have won four-straight weekend series against Appalachian State including nine of the last 10 games.

- Redshirt Freshman [Blake Simmons](#) got off to a slow start to his career for the Eagles at the plate, going 0-for-5 in the season's first 19 games. The native of Macon got an opportunity in the series finale against Louisiana with the starting nod. Simmons went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, opening his account at the plate and raising his average to .333.

- For the first 19 games of 2017, the job description for junior [Cole Whitney](#) was middle relief and spot starts during the week. On March 18th, Whitney got the call to enter game three against Louisiana in the third inning and quickly put out the fire. He went on to throw a career-high five and a third innings, striking out six and retiring the final 12 batters to take his first win in an Eagle uniform.

- Last Wednesday night's loss to Mercer was a big night for the long ball with three Eagles going deep at OrthoGeorgia Park. [Matt Anderson](#) and [Steven Curry](#) each hit their first collegiate home runs, while [Chandler Corley](#) hit his second with the Eagles this season. The three home run haul was a season-high for the Eagles.

- Sophomore [Matt Anderson](#) had himself a day in the second game against Southern Miss. The Eagle backstop went 4-for-4 to post a career-best day at the plate and recorded the first four-hit game for the Eagles since [Logan Baldwin](#) logged four hits in the Sun Belt Tournament against Texas State last season.

- On March 10, [Seth Shuman](#) was written into the annals of history at Georgia Southern Baseball as the first pitcher to hit for himself in the Coach Hennon Era. Shuman went 1-for-3 in the game with a walk. He also threw a complete game with eight strikeouts, but took the first loss of his career on the walk-off home run.

- Georgia Southern's win over Holy Cross on March 7 features a special footnote. Three of the Eagles' six pitchers to throw in the game came from Statesboro High School, marking the first time in the Coach Hennon Era that one school produced three players in a single game. [Braxton Johns](#), [Griffin Davis](#), and [Austin Kleinlein](#) each pitched for their hometown team as the good guys took a 10-5 win.

- Redshirt Junior [Matt Geiger](#) joined the Eagles in 2015, pitching well as a freshman. He missed the 2016 season after undergoing surgery. While rehabbing from that surgery, Geiger sustained another injury which kept him out of the lineup for 2017. When he returns to the lineup, he will rejoin the Eagles with more than 1,000 days on the shelf, ranking the longest active injury layoff in Division I Baseball when he returns.

[Matt Geiger](#) (Georgia Southern) // 5/8/15 to Present // 1,051 Days

Clay Conway (Delaware) // 4/14/15 to 2/18/18 // 1,041 Days

Alex Daily (Cal State Bakersfield) // 5/15/15 to 2/16/18 // 1,008 Days

Alex McIntosh (Milwaukee) // 5/23/15 to 2/16/18 // 1,000 Days

- Six has been the magic number over the last five years for Georgia Southern Baseball with a 106-15 record when scoring six or more runs. The Eagles were 30-6 last year with six or more.

#### UP NEXT

The Eagles will travel to Georgia Tech on Tuesday night for a 6 p.m. game in Midtown before opening a series with Coastal Carolina on Thursday night.

Georgia Southern Athletics provides up-to-date information on all its sports through its official website, GSEagles.com, through social media channels facebook.com/GSAthletics, twitter.com/GSAthletics, iOS app Georgia Southern Eagles and Android app Eagles GATA. Fans can purchase tickets to Georgia Southern Athletics events by visiting GSEagles.com/Tickets.

In order to expedite entry and provide a safe environment for all patrons and participants, Georgia Southern Athletics has implemented a Clear Bag Policy for all ticketed sporting events, effective Aug. 1, 2017. Fans can find the complete policy as well as an FAQ section at GSEagles.com/ClearBag.

Copyright ©2018 Georgia Southern University